



## Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation

### OVERVIEW

The Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation holds in trust the native title rights and interests of the Mithaka people of south-western Queensland. The Mithaka people's non-exclusive native title over a 33,752 square kilometre area adjacent to the South Australian border was recognised after a 13 year legal battle in October 2015.

Mediation with the different interests, primarily pastoral leases, in the determination area ceased in September 2015, and it appeared that a litigated determination would be the likely outcome. In the end, litigation was avoided and a consent determination was reached.

Elders and community leaders saw the decision as heralding a new era of 'renewal' for the Mithaka people, presenting them with a strong economic and social footing to pursue their dreams and aspirations, and uphold their obligation to country. Mithaka traditional owners continue to be involved in a dispute with the Queensland Government over fracking and oil extraction, fearing they will endanger the water table, and have sought assistance on the matter from the United Nations.

### RNTBC PROFILE

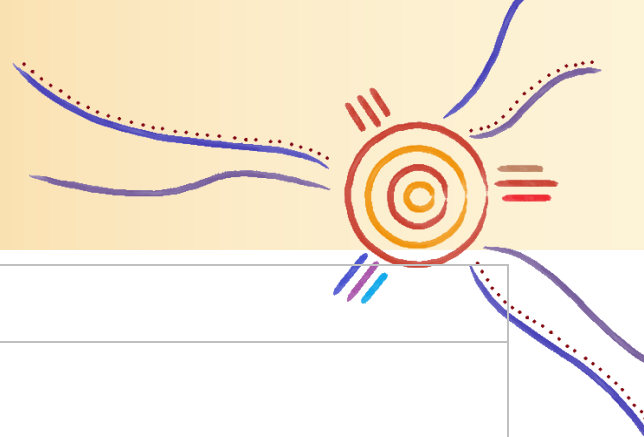
NAME OF RNTBC <a href="#">ORIC</a>	<a href="#">MITHAKA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION</a>
TYPE OF RNTBC <a href="#">ATNS</a>	TRUSTEE
STATE/TERRITORY	QLD
MAP <a href="#">NNTT HYPERLINK</a>	<a href="#">National Native Title Tribunal Produced Map</a>
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### RNTBC ADMINISTRATION

INDIGENOUS CORPORATION NUMBER	8287
DATE OF INCORPORATION	23/9/2015
DOCUMENTATION <a href="#">ORIC HYPERLINK</a>	<a href="#">Documentation, Rules, Member List, etc.</a>

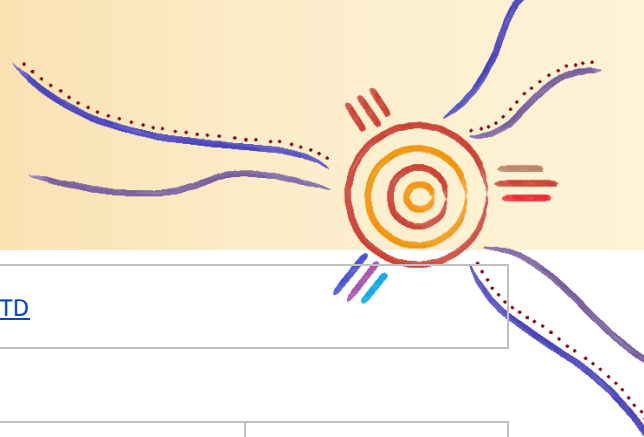
### NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION INFORMATION

NNTT SHORT NAME <a href="#">NNTT HYPERLINK</a>	<a href="#">MITHAKA PEOPLE</a>
CASE LAW <a href="#">AUSTLII HYPERLINK</a>	<a href="#">Gorringe on behalf of the Mithaka People v State of Queensland [2015] FCA 1116</a>



DATE OF DETERMINATION	27/10/2015
TYPE OF DETERMINATION <a href="#">ATNS HYPERLINK</a>	CONSENT DETERMINATION
DETERMINATION OUTCOME	NATIVE TITLE EXISTS IN THE ENTIRE DETERMINATION AREA
TRIBUNAL FILE NO	<a href="#">QCD2015/010</a>
FEDERAL COURT FILE NO	QUD6033/2002
NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS <sup>1</sup>	<p>Subject to paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 below the nature and extent of the native title rights and interests in relation to the land and waters described in Schedule 1 are the non-exclusive rights to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) access, be present on, move about on and travel over the area;</li> <li>(b) camp, and live temporarily on the area as part of camping, and for that purpose build temporary shelters;</li> <li>(c) hunt, fish and gather on the land and waters of the area for personal, domestic and non-commercial communal purposes;</li> <li>(d) take, use and share and exchange Natural Resources from the land and waters of the area for personal, domestic and non-commercial communal purposes;</li> <li>(e) take and use the Water of the area for personal, domestic and non-commercial communal purposes;</li> <li>(f) conduct ceremonies;</li> <li>(g) hold meetings on the area;</li> <li>(h) teach on the area the physical and spiritual attributes of the area;</li> <li>(i) maintain places of importance and areas of significance to the native title holders under their traditional laws and customs and protect those places and areas from physical harm;</li> <li>(j) light fires on the area for domestic purposes including cooking, but not for the purpose of hunting or clearing vegetation;</li> <li>(k) to be buried and to bury native title holders on the area; and</li> <li>(l) be accompanied onto the area by certain non-Mithaka People, being:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) immediate family of the native title holders, pursuant to the exercise of traditional laws acknowledged and customs observed by the native title holders; and</li> <li>(ii) people required under the traditional laws acknowledged and customs observed by the native title holders for the performance of, or participation in, ceremonies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
AREA OF LAND	Approximately 33,752 square kilometres
LOCATION OF DETERMINATION AREA	THE CHANNEL COUNTRY IN SOUTH-WESTERN QUEENSLAND, BORDERING SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND EAST OF BIRDSVILLE

<sup>1</sup> These native title rights and interests are subject to the laws of the State and the Commonwealth, including the common law. They may also be subject to particular interests specified in the determination.



NTRB REGION <a href="#">NTRB HYPERLINK</a>	<a href="#">QUEENSLAND SOUTH NATIVE TITLE SERVICES LTD</a>
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**AGREEMENTS**

AGREEMENT NAME <a href="#">ATNS HYPERLINK</a>	NNTT FILE NO. <a href="#">NNTT HYPERLINK</a>	TYPE OF AGREEMENT	SUBJECT MATTER (NNTT)	SUBJECT MATTER (ATNS)
<a href="#">SOUTH-WEST QUEENSLAND COOPER BASIN EXPLORATION AGREEMENT (NATIVE TITLE ACT) JUNE 2005</a>	N/A	<a href="#">EXPLORATION AGREEMENT (NATIVE TITLE ACT)   FUTURE ACT AGREEMENT (NATIVE TITLE ACT)</a>	N/A	<a href="#">CULTURAL HERITAGE   EXPLORATION   MINING AND MINERALS   NATIVE TITLE   RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL RIGHTS AND INTERESTS</a>

**ADDITIONAL ELECTRONIC RESOURCES**

Media Release	Queensland South Native Title Services, ' <a href="#">Mithaka People celebrate huge Queensland native title win</a> ' (27 October 2015)
News Items	ABC News Online, ' <a href="#">Native title awarded to Mithaka traditional owners in south-west Queensland</a> ' (27 October 2015)
Case Summary	What's New in Native Title, ' <a href="#">Gorringe on behalf of the Mithaka People v State of Queensland [2015] FCA 1116</a> ' (October 2015)